

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
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9. (Cancelled).
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Cancelled).
12. (Currently Amended) A pallet for use in the manufacture and transportation of an

appliance comprising:

a first support member having at least one first appliance foot hole through which a bottom of the appliance is fit flush against the first support member and a first hole through which the appliance is fastened with a first retaining bolt;

a second support member having at least one second appliance foot hole through which the bottom of the appliance is fit flush against the second support member and a second hole through which the appliance is fastened with a second retaining bolt;

~~a first cross member connected to the first and second support members through a first set of overlapping flanges;~~

the first cross member having a first pair of flanges, the first pair of flanges rigidly affixed to an upper surface of the first support member and a lower surface of the first support member at a first end of the first support member;

the first cross member having a second pair of flanges, the second pair of flanges rigidly affixed to an upper surface of the second support member and a lower surface of the second support member at a first end of the second support member;

~~a second cross member; connected to the first and second support members through a second set of overlapping flanges~~

the second cross member having a third pair of flanges, the third pair of flanges rigidly affixed to the upper surface of the first support member and the lower surface of the first support member at a second end of the first support member;

the second cross member having a fourth pair of flanges, the fourth pair of flanges rigidly affixed to the upper surface of the second support member and the lower surface of the second support member at a second end of the second support member.

13. (Previously Presented) The pallet of claim 12, wherein the first and second support members and the first and second cross members are formed of an extruded material.

14. (Previously Presented) The pallet of claim 12 wherein the at least one first appliance foot hole, at least one second appliance foot hole, first hole and second hole are placed in an asymmetrically aligned pattern with respect to an axis of the pallet through the center of the first support member and the center of the second support member.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented) The pallet of claim 12 wherein the first support member and second support member include a first set of four appliance foot holes forming the corners of an inner rectangle and a second set of four appliance foot holes forming the corners of an outer rectangle.

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